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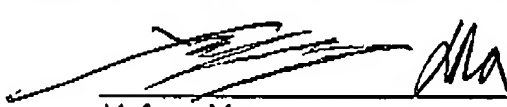
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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action in the above-entitled application, mailed December 9, 2005, and to the Advisory Action dated January 6, 2006, affirming the Examiner's rejections and refusing the entry of the proposed amendments, Applicants hereby request, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, continued examination of the above-identified application.

Applicants hereby authorize the Commissioner to charge the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) ) in the amount of \$790.00, as well as any additional fees required, or credit any overpayment to the deposit account of McAndrews, Held & Malloy, Ltd., Account No. 13-0017.

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Response dated January 25, 2006  
Reply to Office action of December 9, 2005

As part of Applicants' request for continued examination, Amendment D is filed together with this paper, and Applicants respectfully request entry (as a matter of right) of the amendments contained therein.

Respectfully submitted,

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## Introductory Comments

This paper responds to the final Office Action in the above-entitled application, mailed December 9, 2005, and the Advisory Action mailed January 6, 2006, as part of the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. Applicants respectfully request entry (as a matter of right) of the amendments submitted herein.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.